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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT
TOPIC	Finow Airfield	
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- The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 17 December 1954 and 10 January 1955:

17 December. Night flights were made between 1930 and 2100 by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s which made local flights of about 5 minutes duration. Up to 2 aircraft were simultaneously aloft. During the air activity, a searchlight near the Finow estate about 100 meters north of the radar station was in operation.

18 December. Night flying was again practiced as on 17 December. Another searchlight was located about 100 meters east of the Finow-Biesenthal road in the flying lane. This searchlight gave equal flash signals perpendicularly upward. The individual aircraft took off at intervals of about 5 minutes.

19 and 21 December. No air activity was observed from the direction of Eberswalde.

27 December. Between 1400 and 1530, 3 take-offs and landings were made by a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 which made local flights of about 5 minutes duration. No additional air activity was observed.

28 December. No air activity was observed.

29 December. Local night flights of 5 to 8 minutes duration were made by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s between 1845 and 2130. The aircraft had set position lights. During the air activity, the searchlight near the Finow estate was in operation. The other searchlight in the flying lane was not observed. Up to 3 aircraft were aloft at the same time.

30 December and 3, 5, through 10 January. No air activity was observed. Four swept-back jet fighters were regularly observed on the dispersal area of the alert aircraft.
- On 6 January, the model AA 4 MK 3 set and the Fishnet-type radar set were still observed. A mast about 10 meters high was located near the temporary building at the gap in the fence next to the flying lane. Two umbrella-type antennas were seen on the barn of Finow estate. A Token-type radar set which was guarded by a sentry armed with a carbine was seen in the radar station near the Finow estate. About 200 meters northeast of the set was a radio installation of 4 masts.

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3. The AA gun emplacement southeast of the eastern end of the main runway was still occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns.
4. Many new soldiers were seen in Finow after late November 1954. ³
5. Sentries observed at the installation included 1 armed with a carbine and posted at the main guard, 1 armed with a submachine gun and posted north of the main guard, and 1 armed with a carbine and posted at the gap in the fence along the Finow-Biesenthal road. All of the sentries wore padded jackets.

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7. A Token-type radar set was located on a hill about 400 meters north of the road to Freienwalde and north of the western entrance of Sommerfelde. On 12 January, a group of 10 air force soldiers were seen marching toward E Eberswalde, coming from the direction of Sommerfelde. ² 25X1

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Finow airfield is still occupied by a fighter division ~~head~~ headquarters and two fighter regiments. Only local flights at night were observed. Searchlights which flash identification signals were repeatedly reported from airfields of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. [REDACTED] 25X1

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. An exchange of personnel during the fall of 1954 was observed at almost all airfields of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. 25X1

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